GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2877
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2001
PIPELINE PROJECT BETWEEN BANGALORE AND MANGALORE .
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gram Panchayats in Belthagady Taluk in Dakshin Kannada have opposed the pipeline project of HPCL;

(b) whether this pipeline is likely to be laid between Bangalore and Mangalore to carry petroleum products;

(c) if so, the main points of objection by Panchayats;

(d) whether the State Government has been helpful in removing the apprehensions of the Gram Panchayats; and

(e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) A pipeline is being laid from Mangalore to Bangalore via Hassan for transportation of petroleum products.

Nerriya Gram Panchayat in Belthanagady Taluk has asked for stopping all construction activities related to mainline pipe laying work in their jurisdiction, stating that for the pipeline laying work, no permission has been sought from the Gram Panchayat.

(d) Government of Karnataka has issued an order on 23.01.1999 stating that no permission from Gram Panchayats is required to lay a petroleum pipeline. However, a Public Interest Litigation has been filed in the High Court of Karnataka challenging this order.

(e) The project is targatted to be mechanically completed by February, 2002.